News Release

Lee McDougal Named Interim City Manager in Riverside

Former Montclair City Manager Takes Reins from Retiring City Manager Scott Barber

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – Lee McDougal, who served as City Manager of Montclair for 18 years before retiring in 2010, has been named Interim City Manager in Riverside.

McDougal started work today, shortly after the Riverside City Council approves his contract at a special meeting at 9 a.m. He takes over from City Manager Scott Barber, who is retiring Dec. 30.

"Lee McDougal will play an important role for the City of Riverside by providing steady leadership as we search for a new City Manager," Mayor Rusty Bailey said. "I look forward to working with him."

McDougal spent 34 years in Montclair, starting as Housing Coordinator in 1976, then advancing to Director of Housing and Redevelopment, then Director of Administrative Services/Redevelopment Department before being named City Manager in 1992. He also served as Public Safety Director and Redevelopment Agency Executive Director.

In Montclair, McDougal was credited with overseeing the efficient operation of all city services, while also opening a youth center, the Montclair Police Department building and a senior center. He also focused on using redevelopment to finance an on-ramp to Interstate 10, widening local streets and bringing auto dealers and other sales-tax generators to Montclair.

"I look forward to working with all elected officials, business leaders and Riverside residents to ensure that Riverside continues moving forward during this transition period," McDougal said. "I've been very impressed with the way Riverside has progressed over the years, and I look forward to being a part of that."

McDougal graduated from UC Riverside in 1974 with a B.A. in Urban Studies and a B.A. in Black Studies. In 1988, he was inducted into the UC Riverside Athletics Hall of Fame in recognition of his accomplishments as a member of the UCR basketball team.

McDougal has served as an elected board member and President of the Chaffey Community College Governing Board; Past President of the UCR Alumni Association and in leadership roles on a number of non-profit organizations, including many that are devoted to providing affordable housing.

"Lee McDougal brings a wide range of talents to the City of Riverside," said Mayor Pro Tem Jim Perry, who managed the selection process on behalf of the City Council. "His background in Montclair and his familiarity with Riverside make him an excellent choice."

McDougal will be paid $135.53 per hour, for an annualized salary of $281, 902. His actual compensation is not expected to exceed roughly half that amount since his contract with the City runs through June 30. The Riverside City Council is conducting a search for a new manager.

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